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1. A factory for the manufacture of mechanical and surgical apparatus (Zavod "Iral") is located in Sofia between Panagyurishte Street and Ogaryevska (sic) Streets. It employs six engineers and 450 workers and produces the following.

- a. Heaters
- b. Ventilators;
- c. Pumps;
- d. Equipment for blood transfusions;
- e. Operating tables; and
- f. Equipment for operating rooms.

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The production of this factory is for Bulgarian use. Special metals and iron are imported while other materials used are of Bulgarian production. The engineers receive 45-50 leva a day and the workers 20-30 leva per day.

2. A new foundry and steel plant (Zavod "Ivan") is located in Polo Tsarkv (sic) approximately 25 kilometers from Sofia. Work on this project was started in 1950 and is expected to be completed in 1955. At present the factory employs approximately 2000 people and upon its completion it is expected to employ 5000 workers. It will produce metal castings for construction purposes, "Poll-Martin" (ovens), structural and rolled iron, and rolling stock material. It is expected to equip the complex with facilities for manufacturing tractors and other agricultural machinery.
3. The "Vasil Kolarov" Electric Apparatus Factory is located in Ilinden, approximately 7-8 kilometers east of Sofia. This is a new factory completed a few years ago which employs 3000 workers and produces electric motors, generators, transformers, and telephones. A great portion of the production is shipped to Communist China.
4. All industries in the city of Sofia work a 5-day week. Because of a shortage of electricity, the various industrial complexes are assigned days off on a rotating basis.

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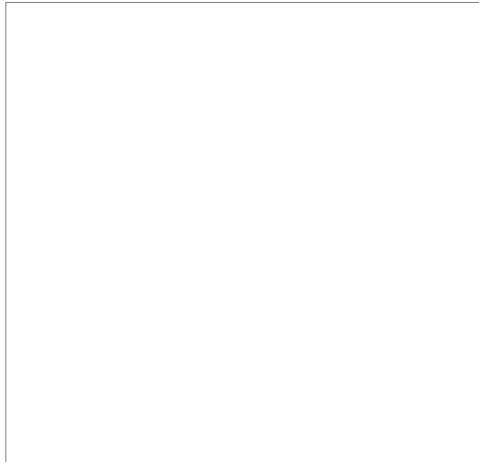


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5. There are no automobile factories in Bulgaria. It is reported that a factory for the manufacture of trucks was recently completed. In early 1954, a truck allegedly completed by the new factory was displayed in public.



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